

HB 1908 -- COMPASSIONATE ASSISTANCE FOR RAPE EMERGENCIES ACT

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The bill establishes the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act which requires that the standard of care for any health care facility that provides emergency care to a sexual assault victim will be to give a victim information regarding emergency contraception, inform the victim of her option to be provided emergency contraception, and provide a complete regimen of emergency contraception if requested. The health care provider must follow federal Department of Justice protocols on HIV/STI screening and prophylactic treatment.

The Department of Health and Senior Services must:

(1) Produce informational materials regarding emergency contraception for the prevention of pregnancy for distribution in any health care facility; and

(2) Respond to complaints and periodically perform compliance checks on emergency health care facilities. If a facility is not in compliance, the department will impose a \$5,000 administrative penalty for each woman who is denied the informational materials or who is not offered emergency contraception and a \$5,000 administrative penalty for failure to comply with the provisions of the bill with an additional \$5,000 penalty for every 30 days of noncompliance.

This bill is the same as HB 352 (2015).